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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final office action mailed on April 1, 2008. Please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.